

Golden Spruce, a tree thought to be long dead, is back in the spotlight. Find out why below!

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Suspense fills up as the Grant Hadwin Case continues. Has he been caught yet, or is he still hiding? (pg. 2)

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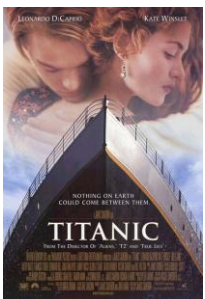
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The Story of Grant Hadwin

The golden spruce, an iconic tree known nationally for its glowing, golden needles, was cut down just half a year ago. The rage that was inspired in many of the people who held this tree sacred has just recently begun to dwindle. It was beginning to seem that the search for Grant Hadwin was going to collapse. Just like the unique tree which he had felled.

But then an interesting turn in events occurred. Grant Hadwin's kayak and gear were found on Mary Island, by a man named Scott Walker just several days ago.

Hadwin had left for his court day in a kayak, leaving from Prince Rupert with the intention of arriving in the Queen Charlottes. Except something happened along the way, and he never arrived. Whether he strategically disappeared, or a catastrophic event occurred that ended up killing him, no one can know for sure. It was almost settled upon that they never would, and that proclaiming him dead would be the best option. Of course, sightings of him in numerous places flooded in, but still no concrete evidence of the elusive Grant Hadwin. Until now.

The new evidence was at first a relief, his crashed kayak, no Grant Hadwin. Was it safe to say he was dead? But certain things didn't match up. How had his axe, a heavy object at the best of times, made its way up to the top of the beach, beyond the tide-line? Instead of confirming suspicions, this new evidence has only provoked more.

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Grant Hadwin leaving in his kayak for the Queen Charlottes



Grant Hadwin Cont'd

Authorities and people who knew him well suspect this is just too convenient and perfect to be accidental. But if he is not dead, where is he? Living on his own, surviving in the woods? Although this situation seems improbable for any other human being, for Hadwin, it could be shockingly close to the truth. A former supervisor of Hadwin's, Cory Delves, said this, "Basically, you're dealing with a person who, with very few resources, could be dropped anywhere on earth and come up smelling like a rose."

No matter where he went, or where he is now. Whether he is running through the woods, or long dead, it will not change the impact he has left behind. The devastation of his actions will stay with the people of the Queen Charlottes, and the world. And no matter what he intended, if he wanted to disappear into the woods after all, this is a man who will not be easily forgotten.

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Museum Opens in Vancouver

The new Aboriginal Museum in Vancouver is displaying artifacts from Haida Gwaii. Are they preserving history, or stealing from the past?
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The Grant Hadwin Case

As the story continues, police find new evidence of Hadwin. And the question arises: Was it staged? Or have we found the wreckage site?

Just as the search for Grant Hadwin was beginning to slow police found new evidence of the man who had cut down the legendary golden spruce. His kayak and camping gear was found ashore by Scott Walker on Mary Island. Police will not comment if they have found any physical evidence of Hadwin at the scene.

Police say it is possible that through the wind and waves Hadwin's kayak

could have flipped, leaving Hadwin to escape by wet exit which would cause him to be fully submerged underwater. Given the frigid conditions it would be unlikely anyone could survive this crash. They would either drown or due to the cold water be admitted to hypothermia. However, another source brought up a different possible theory. Could this crash have been staged by Hadwin to lead the country to believe he had perished so he could escape under these mysterious circumstances?

The first nations were up arms about the disappearance of Hadwin, and to them this only proves that he is still out there, and they are furious that

there has not been more done to find him.

The police have warned to keep an eye out for Hadwin; he is a 6ft Caucasian male. He may be armed so call police, police are not saying Hadwin is a serious threat just to keep your distance and call 911.

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Letters from the Public on the Grant Hadwin Case

Dear Editor,

I think that Mr. Hadwin did exactly the right thing in cutting down M&B's pet tree. It was a tree that was sick and poisoned. I think that making it into an attraction for people was one of the silliest things I have ever heard of. Mr. Hadwin should be free of going to court. He did what many loggers were saying they would do. It infuriates me that after the tree fell it became such a big deal to find out who did it. So many loggers were threatening to cut it down that it seemed like it was just a waste of money to try to find whoever did it. I am sorry that they found Mr. Hadwin and if anything I think he should be cleared of all charges.

Mary Lettemgo

Dear Editor,

I think the fact that Mr. Hadwin even thought about cutting down the Golden Spruce was an incriminating action. If he thinks that by going into hiding will clear him of charges (and yes I believe he is still alive and is hiding from the police) he needs to think again. If he is found he is more likely to be taken immediately to a courthouse than to go free. I know that if any Haida people see him alive he will either be killed on the spot or (if he's lucky) sent immediately to jail. I guess I am almost warning the public that a dangerous maniac has cut down a tree that seemed like a grandparent to the Haida.

Justice Prevails

Dear Editor,

I am torn between two worlds. On one hand I think that Grant Hadwin was wrong for cutting down the golden spruce. However on the other hand I think that the fact that a tree that was sick was lucky to be cut down. It should be seen as a situation in which you lose something and gain something at the same time. You lose the golden spruce and gain a healthy environment. The only problem with this is that I found symbolism in the tree and I found fault in the tree. I am torn and cannot be put back together.

Torn Twoworld

Dear Readers

I have found that all the stories I have heard have had many different endings and beginnings. I can only hope that whatever happens it turns out well for each side. I am sure that we can get this to work out for the Haida. Thanks for all the letters!

The Editor



The golden spruce while it still stands, before it was cut down by Grant Hadwin.

